



District 2 Update

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Mission Hills/Middletown The Best-Kept Secret in San Diego

Mission Hills is one of the most charming and livable communities in San Diego. Councilmember Wear is proud to represent the area and has been involved in a number of improvements.

The Mission Hills Library celebrated its 40th Anniversary on December 8 with special events for the community. Working with the City of San Diego we have identified a site for the library expansion and fundraising has already begun. As envisioned, the library will have joint use with the elementary school and there will also be a link to Senior Housing, creating a dynamic synergy in education, pairing seniors and children and bringing them together as the most vital library users.

The actual library site has been moved through redistricting to District 3, so questions about the library's future can be directed to Toni Atkin's office at 619/236-6633.

Holiday in the Hills was celebrated to draw shoppers to the more than 400 small businesses in the Mission Hills area for an old-fashioned Christmas experience, with costumed singers, traditional Refreshments and a hayride. It was sponsored by the Mission Hills BID. The group sponsored last summer's Concerts in the Park at Pioneer Park, which drew 500 guests per concert.

Councilmember Wear recently voted to fund ADA improvements throughout the city, which included plans to improve ADA access at Presidio Park. In addition, a special task force continues to look at options for making improvements to the park's restrooms.

Mission Hills is a model urban, walkable community — and one of San Diego's best-kept secrets for desirable



Part of District 2's contribution to Mission Hills was the median improvements on Washington St., including the "Flight Alight"

Focus in January: Downtown

On The Docket

The City Council dockets are issued each Wednesday preceding the Monday and Tuesday meetings. Please call the City Clerk at 533-4000 for Docket information.:

The final meeting in December was a Special Meeting called because the bond counsel suggested a final revote of all items that had been passed by CCDC. One of the CCDC board members had been advised by CCDC Counsel that his vote was valid, but, in an abundance of caution, the votes were again taken on Dec. 14.

Plan to be at the State of the City address on January 7 at 6 p.m. Location to be announced.

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Councilmember Wear Heads Land Use & Housing

Councilmember Byron Wear has been appointed by Mayor Dick Murphy to chair the Land Use & Housing Committee of the San Diego City Council for a second year. Wear chaired last year's committee and managed a full agenda on such topics as Big Box development, telecommunications towers, regional government and more.

The LU&H Committee dockets land use policy issues for discussion by committee members, and then passes on proposed legislation to the full City Council. The committee is the first stop for many issues and engages the public in their first opportunity to be heard on items that will come forward for a Council vote.

Other members of the Land Use & Housing Committee include Councilmembers Peters (Vice-Chair), Stevens, Maienschien and Frye. The LU&H Committee meets Wednesday at 2 p.m., twice monthly when there are no legislative breaks. The Committee Consultant is Kirk Mather, who can be reached at 619/533-3920.

Mission Hills to Have New Representative

District 2 is happy to introduce a new Council Representative for Mission Hills. Dr. John Rivera will be taking over responsibilities in the Mission Hills community from Don Giaquinto. Don will continue to work closely with the community on the Francis Parker School expansion issue, but all other concerns can be addressed to John. He will be working part-time at City Hall.

John has his Ph.D. in Education, with an emphasis in public policy and teaches at Claremont Graduate University and also at SDSU and San Diego City College.

He has followed the public policy decision-making of the

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Community Groups

Middletown / Uptown

Uptown Partnership

Contact: Jeffry Tom

(619) 298-2541

Meets 1st Thursday at 5:30 pm

3108 Fifth Ave Suite B

Uptown Planners

Contact: Ian Epley

(619) 295-1742

Meets 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Joyce Beers Community Center

1230 Cleveland Ave.

City Contact: Tracy Reed

619) 235-5220

Mission Hills

Mission Hills BID

Contact: Chuck Fox

(619) 296-8731

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Methodist Church, Ft. Stockton and Lark

Mission Hills Residents Group

Contact: Greg Thomas

(619) 295-8558

Meets 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Methodist Church, Ft. Stockton and Lark



Mission Hills and Middletown have a number of small, upscale businesses that cater to a clientele that values an old-time community with the advantage of proximity to downtown.



Clockwise, from left, The French Garden Shoppe, Consign & Design, Mission Hills Wine Cellar, Baked by Etta, and the Mission Hills Nursery, which was established in 1910.

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Happy Holidays and Wishes for a Great 2002

I would like to wish every one of you the happiest of holidays and hopes for a prosperous New Year. 2001 has been a challenging year with a slowing economy and the tragic terrorist events in September. I believe San Diegans are in solidarity with all Americans, who want to ensure that our way of life and our freedoms are maintained. This great country will prevail and continue to look forward as America's best days are in the future, not in the past.

Thank you for your support of San Diego and the United States during this trying period and ***God Bless America.***

New Mission Hills Representative, continued

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district for more than 20 years, keeping a careful watch on business, redevelopment and land use as well as public safety issues. He has an interest in high tech and biotech policy issues also.

John is on the California Efficiency in Government Commission and he specializes in watchdog and oversight studies of various levels of government. He was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson and former President Bill Clinton to serve on the Selective Service Commission.

John's hobbies include outdoor sports, such as surfing and backpacking, and he works with youth as a volunteer. Music is another interest. One of his favorite places is The Gathering in Mission Hills, where he can sometimes be found on the weekends enjoying breakfast.

Because of his current schedule, John has a special e-mail address where he can be contacted for District 2 business. Please use jrivera-district2@yahoo.com to reach him. John will be in the District 2 office on Fridays from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Otherwise, leave messages with Millie Howard at 619-236-6622.



John Rivera

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